Name Date

Farming on the Virginia Frontier

The early frontier settlers, whose grants ranged from 100 to 400 acres, cleared some of

their land by felling trees to build small log cabins. They cleared other land by girdling trees (striping the bark around them to kill the tree) in order to plant early crops among the stumps. Indian corn and grains were important early food crops, while hemp and flax were grown for their fibers.



Use the reading to answer the questions below.

1.	What do you think the land looked like to the people on the frontier?
2.	What would these people use to build their homes and why?
3.	What do you think the steps were in creating a farm on the new frontier? Were there already fields ready to plow?
4.	What did they use to make their clothing?
5.	Draw a picture of how you think the new frontier people lived, based on the reading above